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Identical letters dated 11 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Earlier today, an unmanned aerial vehicle was launched from Syria into Israel, penetrating 9.6 kilometres into Israeli airspace and threatening the safety and security of Israel's northern cities and towns. Thankfully, the Israel Defense Forces intercepted the unmanned aerial vehicle, preventing the possibility of a more serious security incident.

Regrettably, this morning was not the first time this dangerous tactic has been used to threaten Israel's sovereignty. On 10 February 2018, an Iranian unmanned aerial vehicle armed with explosives infiltrated Israeli airspace with the intention of attacking our territory. The Israel Defense Forces also intercepted that unmanned aerial vehicle, preventing an Iranian attack.

We have repeatedly warned the Security Council of the destabilizing activities taking place in Syria and the threats they pose to Israel and the Middle East. Israel holds the Syrian Government accountable for every attack originating from its territory. We will not tolerate breaches of the 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement and will continue to defend our citizens and our territory from any threat or violation of our sovereignty.

I urge the Security Council to condemn this dangerous act that not only threatens Israel, but the stability of the entire region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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